



Eddie A. Perez
Mayor

REMEMBERING MAYOR MIKE

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(January 7, 2009)--- Mayor Eddie A. Perez will be one of hundreds of people expected to pay their last respects to former Mayor Mike Peters, who lost his battle on Sunday to liver and kidney ailments at the age of 60.

Calling hours are today from 3 to 8 p.m. at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Boulevard in Wethersfield.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, January 8th, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Augustine Church, 10 Campfield Avenue in Hartford's South End. Because Mayor Peters served for more than 22-years with the Hartford Fire Department, firefighters and police officers will line up along the entrance of the church to offer a salute and an engine company fire apparatus will be in the procession. A tower ladder with the United State flag hanging from the top will be positioned at the entrance of the church. This will be the same tower ladder that gave Mayor Mike a ride on the last day of his term as Mayor.

After the funeral services, the process will go north on Webster Street, West on New Britain Avenue and South on Fairfield so that it can go by Company 15's house and firefighters will salute as the procession passes. This is the fire house that Mayor Perez has recommended to be dedicated and named after Mayor Peters for his years of service. Mayor Mike retired from this very station. The facility will also turn 100-years-old this year.

Burial will be at Cedar Hill Cemetery, where firefighters and police will stand at attention as the symbol of a "man down" is rung on the bell from a fire truck. This is the same ringing of the bell that is offered during the September 11th ceremonies (5-5-5-5).

City of Hartford flags are still flying at half-staff in Mayor Mike's memory. The City flag will remain lowered until after the burial ceremony on Thursday.

"Hartford and surrounding communities have come together this week to share memories, raise a glass, but most importantly, reflect upon Mayor Mike's personal contributions through public service. Whether he bravely fought a fire, or fought for legislation to benefit Hartford, the residents of this great city were always near and dear to his heart," says Mayor Perez.